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**GLENDALÉ ANNOUNCES SPECIAL GUEST AMY VAN DYKEN-ROUEN  
FOR COUNTDOWN TO GLENDALÉ GLITTERS NOVEMBER 28**  
*Glendale Glitters Spectacular presented by Sears Vacations*

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – Olympic gold medalist Amy Van Dyken-Rouen will be the special guest to help light up the city during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show on Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. This year, as Glendale prepares to host Super Bowl XLIX, the theme for the show will be Super City, Super Stars and Van Dyken-Rouen, along with other special guests, will help the Mayor and City Council flip the switch on 1.5 million lights throughout downtown Glendale.

Van Dyken-Rouen, a Valley resident, is one of the most decorated American swimmers of all time, winning six gold medals during her career. Earlier this year, she was injured in an ATV accident and severed her spinal cord leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. As she has worked tirelessly through rehabilitative therapy, she has inspired people all across the nation with her strength and determination.

“We are thrilled to have Amy as our special guest to honor not only what she has done in her athletic career, but more importantly for the courage that she has displayed in her personal life,” said Communications Director Julie Watters. “The city is also recognizing other members of our community that contribute in less visible but no less important ways to make Glendale an amazing place. They are hometown ‘Super Stars’ and we are shining a spotlight on them, too.” The celebration’s eight ‘Super Stars’ include a teacher, an athlete, a pageant winner, a student, a musician, a police officer, a firefighter and a young hero.

Festive, holiday entertainment for the 30-minute show, between 5:30 and 6 p.m., features local musicians and dance groups including: Andy and Jennifer of Barrio Latino, Ashley Wineland, C’est la Vie and the Dance Gallerie. The complete lineup of entertainment for both days opening weekend will include:

## Glitters Spectacular Special Guests

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#### Friday, November 28

6:30	Dance Gallerie
7:15	Marilyn's Academy of Dance
8:15	GCU Student Dance Education Organization
9:15	Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company

#### Saturday, November 29

5:00	Copper King Elementary Honor's Choir
6:00	Oasis Dance
7:00	Aloha Hapa Hula
8:00	Arizona Sunrays Dance
9:00	On Stage Dance

The glittering magic of Glendale's holiday display remains lit nightly through Jan. 10, from 5-11 p.m. each evening. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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